

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE CHARLES COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB**

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## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Charles County Radio Control Club (CCRCC), herein called the Club.

## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

The Club is established to unite as an organized group of Radio Control aircraft modelers. The objectives of the Club shall be to:

- Promote radio control model flying;
- Promote model aircraft construction;
- Promote the advancement of model aviation in all its phases as a recreational, sporting and educational activity;
- Support programs and activities of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

## **ARTICLE III. MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Regular Meetings**

This Club shall meet regularly once each month on the day and time specified in the bylaws. In the event of an emergency, or for good cause, the officers of the Club may change or cancel a regular meeting.

### **Section 2. Special Meetings**

By agreement of any five members in good standing, a special meeting may be called. The notice of said meeting shall be mailed, posted at the flying site and on the club website for the general membership at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

### **Section 3. Quorums**

A quorum is binding at any regular or special meeting where Club business is transacted, regardless of the number of people at the meeting.

## **Section 4. Business**

All Club matters may be considered at regular meetings. At a special meeting, only the Club matters as set forth in the notice of the meeting may be conducted. A majority vote on Club matters at any Club meeting properly assembled shall be binding on the total membership.

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. Categories of Members**

The categories of members are Golden, Regular and Junior. Golden members (80+ years old) must have been a member in good standing for the previous five years. AMA not required if no longer flying. Junior members are members under the age of 19 on January 1 of the membership year.

### **Section 2. Renewing or Changing Membership**

Before or while tendering dues, renewing Regular and Junior members must provide evidence acceptable to the Treasurer that they are AMA members for the club membership year.

### **Section 3. New Members**

Anyone wishing to join as a new Regular or Junior member shall submit a written application to any club officer, accompanied by proof of current AMA membership, dues for the year, and initiation and assessment fees, if applicable. No new applicant will be denied club membership provided they comply with the above unless they were permanently bared from the club in the past.

### **Section 4. Member in Good Standing**

Members in good standing are those that are current in dues, fees, and assessments and have complied with the provisions of the By-Laws. A member not in good standing shall lose flying site privileges until they are once again in good standing.

### **Section 5. Revocation of Membership**

When good and sufficient cause is shown under the rules established in the Bylaws, the membership of an individual may

be revoked consistent with the Club Bylaws, Article II, Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10.

## **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

### **Section 1. Club Officers**

There shall be four officers of the Charles County Radio Control Club, namely President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

### **Section 2. President's Duties**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as spokesperson for the Club in all matters pertaining to it. The President shall vote on Club matters only if there is a tie vote. The presiding officer, other than the President or Vice-President may vote on all matters, the same as other members, at Club meetings.

### **Section 3. Vice President's Duties**

The Vice President shall preside at all Club meetings when the President is absent, and shall otherwise perform the duties of the President when the President is unable to serve.

### **Section 4. Secretary's Duties**

The Secretary, in an official minute book of the Club, shall keep the minutes of all meetings. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary shall preside at the Club meeting.

### **Section 5. Treasurer's Duties**

The Treasurer shall:

- Collect all monies due the Club and shall secure same in a banking institution;
- Disburse Club monies in payment of Club obligations as approved by the Club membership;
- Disburse Club monies to AMA insurance by authority of this document;
- Maintain records of the Club's financial transactions.

## **Section 6. Term of Office**

The officers of the Club shall be elected for a one-year term of office, beginning immediately with the conclusion of the regular meeting at which elected.

## **Section 7. Election of Officers**

The election of officers shall be held every year at the October general membership meeting by nominations from the floor. Nominations and voting shall be conducted for each office in the following order: first, President; second, Vice President; third, Secretary; fourth, Treasurer. If more than one candidate is properly nominated for an office, the nominees shall not be present during voting. The voting for each office shall be by a show of hands unless any member requests vote by a secret ballot. In the event of such a request, a secret ballot shall be mandatory.

## **Section 8. Vacancy of Office**

Any vacancy of a Club office shall be filled by an election at the next regular general membership meeting, conducted pursuant to Section 7 hereof. The elected successor will serve only until the end of his/her predecessor's term of office.

## **Section 9. Executive Council**

The Executive Council shall consist of members specified in the By-Laws and shall conduct business in accordance with the By-Law provisions. The Executive Council shall meet on the call of the President.

# **ARTICLE VI. CLUB DUES AND FEES**

## **Section 1. Initiation Fee**

There shall be a club initiation fee of \$50 for Regular members. U.S. active duty military personnel, former Regular members, in good standing, and former Junior members who apply for regular membership for the year after their 19th birthday shall not be charged an Initiation Fee.

## **Section 2. Annual Dues**

Dues for Regular members shall be \$50. Dues for Golden members shall be waived. Dues for Junior members shall be \$10. The last date for renewing members to pay dues without penalty is the January club meeting. Annual dues are not refundable

## **Section 3. Late Fees**

Prior-year members who submit renewal dues and proof of current AMA membership after the January meeting shall be assessed a late-payment fee of \$20.

## **Section 4. Special Assessments**

A Notice of Pending Assessment shall be mailed, posted at the flying site and on the Club website at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting where the assessment will be considered. An assessment shall be levied in accordance with Article III, Section 4 (Business) and must be paid by the date specified in the assessment.

## **Section 5. Club Funds**

All funds received shall be general funds of the Club.

## **ARTICLE VII. AMA CHARTER**

Annually, the Club will renew its AMA charter and obtain insurance for the owner of the Club flying site.

## **ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES**

The following shall be standing committees:

- Flying site maintenance and improvements;
- Flying site Safety Officer (Field Marshall); and
- Club activities and events.

## **ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 1. Amendment of Constitution**

Amendments may be made to this Constitution at any meeting of

the Club membership provided the membership has been notified through Email, posting at the flying site and on the Club website at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) are to be considered. It is the responsibility of all members to be sure the treasurer has their current E-mail address. The notice shall contain the proposed amendments. Approval of amendments shall require an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present at the meeting considering the amendment

### **Section 2. Amendment of Bylaws**

Amendments may be made to the Bylaws at any meeting of the Club as part of regular Club business. Approval of amendments to the Bylaws shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting considering the amendment.

## **ARTICLE X. BYLAWS**

The Club shall adopt Bylaws consistent with the Constitution.

## **ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the Club, and upon paying all Club debts, the Club property, including funds, shall be disposed of pursuant to Article III, Section 4 (Business).